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I have enclosed a copy of our submission to the IPSO annual report for the stated period.
I will be back in the office from Sept 14 onwards, if you have any questions.

Willie Mack,
The Oban Times.
Tel: 01631 730063.

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IPSO annual report from Wyvex Media Limited, Oban. September - December 2014

TITLES PUBLISHED:

The Oban Times	print/digital edition	weekly (Thur)	13,000
The Campbeltown Courier	print/digital edition	weekly (Fri)	3,500
The Argyllshire Advertiser	print/digital edition	weekly (Fri)	2,500
The Arran Banner	print/digital edition	weekly (Sat)	3,500

RESPONSIBLE PERSON

Willie Mack, editor, the Oban Times

OVERVIEW

The Oban Times, which is 154 years old, is the regional title for the West Highlands of Scotland and enjoys the soubriquet, 'the Highland man's bible'. It has the largest geographical spread of any local weekly newspaper in Scotland, serving an area which stretches from the Kintyre peninsula in the south to Fort William and Mallaig in the north.

Sister titles, Campbeltown Courier and Argyllshire Advertiser, circulate in the historically important but small Argyllshire towns of Campbeltown and Lochgilphead. The Arran Banner serves the island off the west coast of Scotland that bears its name.

All titles have a dedicated website, Facebook and Twitter pages.

INTERNAL GUIDES

One of the essential references guides for journalists is the Oban Times house style guide, which is available to all editorial staff. Journalists also receive a copy of the 'editors code of practice' in hard copy form when they join the department. We also circulate IPSO rulings among staff, discussing and determining the implications. Staff are also given a copy of the employee handbook.

COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

Pre-publication guidance

The editor or senior staff member would seek advice from IPSO to comply with the editors' code;

The editor or senior staff member would seek advice from the company's media lawyer.

Verification of stories

The editor and journalists will always endeavour to follow best practice

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Compliance with the editors' code

We will comply with the findings of IPSO and take the suggested remedial action.

Editorial complaints

We have a standard complaints procedure which is published in the letters pages of our newspapers and on the websites. It explains in detail how we will attempt to resolve legitimate complaints and carries details of IPSO.

We state unequivocally that we will abide by the findings of IPSO and the remedial action it deems necessary.

STAFF TRAINING

Journalists are constantly receiving relevant updates and guidance about the implications of regulatory changes, particularly in relation to the editors' code of practice and industry best practice. We arrange law seminars from our legal advisers on changes to court contempt proceedings and defamation.

ADVERSE ADJUDICATIONS

There have been no adverse adjudications against Wyvex Media, Oban.